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Mr. Jon Craig, Director
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Dear Mr. Craig:

I am writing in response to your letter dated October 31, 2008, in which you requested an extension for submitting your drinking water primacy program revision under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) for the Groundwater Rule (GWR) that was published in the *Federal Register* November 8, 2006.

Section 142.12 (b) of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) requires that State requests for the approval of program revisions to adopt revised EPA regulations must be submitted to the Administrator no later than two years after promulgation of such regulations. This paragraph also allows for up to a two-year extension to submit the primacy program revisions, provided the request is made before the expiration of the two-year period. The Administrator has delegated the approval of extension requests to the Regional Administrator.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 142.12 (b), certain requirements must be met in order for an extension request to be granted. EPA understands that:

- The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) currently lacks the program capabilities adequate to implement the new or revised requirements pursuant to 40 CFR 142.12 (b) (2) (i) (B);
- Plans to submit the GWR final primacy revision application to EPA by November 8, 2010 as resources become available; and
- Agrees to comply with the 40 CFR 142.12 (b) (3) provisions as required, if the extension is granted.

I grant your request for a two-year extension with the understanding that ODEQ will continue to work with EPA on a partnership to obtain full primacy for the GWR.

If you have any questions concerning this approval, you may contact Miguel Flores at (214) 665-7101 or Larry D. Wright at (214) 665-7150.

Sincerely yours,

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Regional Administrator

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